

occasions and has also spoken at meetings of Field Naturalist Clubs, Bird Observers Clubs and other groups in Ballarat, Colac, Bendigo, Warrnambool and Castlemaine. The topics covered are wide ranging and include survey results, bird-watching expeditions and trips, historical figures in Victorian birding and in-depth presentations on species or groups of birds. In particular, she has shared her special knowledge of the Long Forest with many people.

As a result of these wide-ranging activities, Marilyn's influence on a generation of Victorian bird enthusiasts has been substantial, and she has inspired and mentored both beginners and experienced naturalists.

In the last five years, Marilyn has changed her focus from birds to moths (Lepidoptera). In a short space of time, she has become a valued volunteer in the Museum Victoria Entomology Department. With Peter Marriott, she is sorting, identifying and cataloguing the Museum's moth collection and has led Lepidoptera teams on major surveys conducted by the Museum with Parks Victoria and the ABRIS. She has joined the

team of authors and editors producing the book series, *Moths of Victoria*, initiated by Peter Marriott. These books will eventually form a field guide covering all moth species in the state. She has collected specimens throughout Victoria for the Museum; amassed a photographic library of living moths of more than 1000 species; published papers and reports; and given talks and held night-time demonstrations of moth survey techniques for naturalist clubs and the general public, in which family groups are welcome. Her dedicated fieldwork has led to the discovery of several species new to science, first records for Victoria and major range extensions.

Marilyn is a Life Member of the GFNC, in recognition of her enduring efforts over more than 30 years to educate, inform and inspire others to an appreciation of natural history.

The Medallion was presented to Marilyn by the President of the Royal Society of Victoria, Dr Bill Birch AM, on 11 November 2013.

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The medallion is awarded annually to a person who is considered to have made the most significant contribution to the understanding of Australian natural history in the last ten years.

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